PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Tuesday, the 15th August 1933/ 31st Karkatakam, 1108.

The Assembly re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Shertala-Arookutty road.

105. *MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Shertala-Arookutty road is fit for vehicular traffic ;

(*b*) whether they have made any provision for the transport of vehicles at the Chenganda crossing ;

(*c*) if they have not, whether they are aware that, without such provision, regular traffic is impossible on the road ;

(*d*) whether the Government have made any provision for the annual repairs and maintenance of the road ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, what the provision is ;

(*f*) whether any such amount has lapsed ; and

(*g*) whether the Government have made any, and, if so, what, provision for crossing the Poochakkal canal on the said road ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes, vehicular traffic is not possible.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Rs. 850 for the first five miles and Rs. 195 for the rest.

(*f*) No, not so far.

(*g*) There is a foot-bridge for pedestrian traffic there.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISNHA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : May I know from the member whether that foot-bridge can be used for passenger traffic ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : It is only a foot-bridge.

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MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know whether Government are taking into consideration the necessity of putting up a regular foot-bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It does not seem that there is necessity for a regular foot-bridge untill the road is complete.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): Am I to take it from the member that the road is not yet complete?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I understand it is not fit for cart traffic.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): Is it due to want of this bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I understand the road itself is unfit for cart traffic.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know from the member when it will be fit for cart traffic?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): When it is completed.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know from the member whether the Government will be pleased to make it fit for vehicular traffic in the near future?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I cannot promise.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Chief Engineer inwhich year the work on the Shertala-Arookutty road was first started?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have not got the information here.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Were allotments provided for this work from year to year?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The answer states that.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Chief Engineer what the width of that road is?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I do not know.

Text-books for schools.

106. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the proceedure followed in prescribing the text-books for use in schools during the current school year; and

(*b*) the body or officer or officers on whose advice the Government prescribed the text-books?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) The Government abolished the Text-Book Committee from the 3rd December 1932, and pending other arrangements, they made the Director of Public Instruction responsible for the selection of text-books for use in schools during the current school year. He entrusted

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